

Present Progressive Statements in the Affirmative and Negative

Structure:

Subject + Be + (not) + Verb-ing

I am (not) working.
 You are (not) working.
 He/She is (not) working.
 It is (not) working.
 We are (not) working.
 They are (not) working.

Contractions

(I'm)
 (You're)
 (He's/She's/It's)
 (We're)
 (They're)

Negative Contractions:

- **I am not** - I'm not.
- **You are not** – You're not - You aren't
- **He is not** – He's not - He isn't
- **She is not** – She's not – She isn't
- **It is not** – It's not – It isn't
- **We are not** – We're not - We aren't
- **They are not** – They're not – They aren't

Spelling Rules:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add -ing to the base form of most verbs. 	talking eating worrying
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For one syllable verb that ends in consonant – vowel – consonant, (CVC) we double the final consonant and add -ing. 	sitting planning stopping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptions of the above rule or words that have a final w, x, or y. These words have a final consonant – vowel – consonant ending, but we do NOT double the final consonant. 	boxing playing showing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For two-syllable words that stress the final syllable, the final consonant is doubled. (This is tricky because you have to know how to pronounce the word.) 	referring beginning

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For two-syllable words that stress the first syllable, the final consonant is NOT doubled. 	<u>l</u> istening <u>o</u> pening
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the verb ends in an -e or -ue, we drop the -e and add -ing. 	Take - taking Argue - arguing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the verb ends in -ie, we change the -ie to a -y and add -ing. 	lie – lying tie - tying

Exercise 1

Write the correct spelling for each verb. For two-syllable verbs that end in the CVC pattern, the stressed syllable is underlined.

1. start _____
2. help _____
3. tape _____
4. hurry _____
5. lie _____
6. try _____
7. swim _____
8. suffer _____
9. happen _____
10. choose _____
11. rain _____
12. show _____
13. admit _____
14. fix _____
15. rescue _____
16. hit _____
17. die _____
18. disappear _____
19. enjoy _____
20. omit _____
21. reply _____
22. slap _____
23. relax _____
24. Play _____
25. plan _____
26. occur _____
27. mix _____
28. stop _____
29. study _____
30. lose _____

Answers: 1. starting 2. helping 3. taping 4. hurrying 5. lying 6. trying
7. swimming 8. suffering 9. happening 10. choosing 11. raining 12. showing
13. admitting 14. fixing 15. rescuing 16. hitting 17. dying 18. disappearing
19. enjoying 20. omitting 21. replying 22. slapping 23. relaxing 24. playing
25. planning 26. occurring 27. mixing 28. stopping 29. studying 30. Losing

Exercise 2

Write the correct form of the present progressive using the verb provided.

Example: *I need my umbrella. It _____ (rain).*

1. Joe _____ (get) angry. He has a bad temper.
2. I _____ (relax).
3. We _____ (not watch) TV right now.
4. You _____ (draw) a picture.
5. It _____ (start) to work. Thank goodness!
6. They _____ (cook) dinner at the moment.
7. It's a beautiful sunny day. I _____ (lie) in the sun.
8. My parents _____ (argue). I wish they would stop.
9. I _____ (not drink) a cup of coffee. I have tea.
10. Mary _____ (take) two classes this semester.
11. It _____ (sit) in the back of the room.
12. The baby _____ (gain) weight. That's good!
13. Mary and Joe _____ (not go) to Mexico today.
14. Strange weather patterns _____ (occur).
15. You _____ (make) dinner. Thanks!
16. We have a pool. Our kids _____ (swim) right now.
17. Our family _____ (not play) a game right now.

18. My husband has bad allergies. He _____ (suffer) this week.
19. My son _____ (graduate) today.
20. I _____ (enjoy) the moment. Proud Mama, I am.

Answers: 1. Joe is getting angry. 2. I am relaxing. 3. We are not watching TV right now. 4. You are drawing a picture. 5. It is starting to work. 6. They are cooking dinner at the moment. 7. I'm lying in the sun. 8. My parents are arguing. 9. I am not drinking a cup of coffee. 10. Mary is taking two classes this semester. 11. It is sitting in the back of the room. 12. The baby is gaining weight. 13. Mary and Joe aren't going to Mexico today. 14. Strange weather patterns are occurring. 15. You are making dinner. 16. Our kids are swimming right now. 17. Our family isn't playing a game right now. 18. He is suffering this week. 19. My son is graduating today. 20. I am enjoying the moment.